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AMERICAN PORTABLE WOODEN HOUSES.

THE Underlined have been appointed
AGENTS, and are prepared to accept
Orders for a variety of designs.
Particulars on application to—
WOODS & CO.,
4, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. 1152

WANTED.
A SPACIOUS GODOWN, must be dry and
in a Central position.
Address—
Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. 11179

ASSAULT AT ARMS.
LIEUT.-COL. R. H. BERTIE and
OFFICERS 2nd BATT. ROYAL
WELSH FUSILIERS
AT HOME.
MURRAY BARBERS, on
SATURDAY, 21st April, 1900.
P.M. 4 to 6 P.M.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. 11180

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Underlined has received instructions
to sell by Public Auction
on
THURSDAY,
the 19th April, 1900, at 2.30 P.M., at his
Sales Room, No. 24, Queen's Road Central,
SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
PIANO, &c.,
Comprising—
TAPESTRY, CLOTH COVERED
MARBLE TOP CENTRE and SIDE
TABLES, OVERMANTLES, PICTURES
and ORNAMENTS.
EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDE-
BOARD, DINING WAGGONS, BOOK
CASES and VIENNA CHAIRS.
CLOCKWORK, GLASS and PLATED
WARE.
Double and Single IRON BEDSTEADS,
WARDROBES, WARDROBES with
PLATED GLASS DOORS, MARBLE
TOP BUREAU with GLASS DRESSING
TABLES and MARBLE TOP WASH-
STANDS.
One COTTAGE PIANO, by Collard and
Collard.
One LADY'S BICYCLE.
IRON SAFE, COOKING STOVE,
&c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE—As by Auctioneer.
V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. 11181

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW
THE Company's Steamship
"HAIMUN,"
Captain Hodgkin, will be despatched for the
above port, TO SWATOW, on SATURDAY, 18th April,
at 10 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to—
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1900. 11178

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
PAQUEBOTS-POSTES FRANCAIS.
FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,
AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Company's Steamship
"OCEANIC,"
Captain Schmitt, will be despatched for the
above ports, on SATURDAY, 18th April,
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New Faces, New Acts, and Greatest
Sensationally beyond the most extravagant
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Every item cheered to the echo.
Saturday Night's Enthusiastic Demonstration
of the most audacious and most amusing
that needs no comment.
TO-NIGHT at 9 P.M.
GALA SPECIAL MATINEES on
WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY
AFTERNOONS, at 4 P.M.
FREQUENT CHANGE OF
PROGRAMME.
Box plan at ROBINSON PIANO Co.
W. PELUEGER,
General Representative.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1900. 11163

THEATRE ROYAL
FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF NIGHTS
MONDAY, 23rd APRIL
ADVENT OF THE WORLD-FAMED
A.D.A. DELROY COMPANY.
12 Star Artists 12
with several
STUNNING SENSATIONAL
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A BOOM
In Amusement Enterprises
CAUSING A GREATER
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TRANSVAAL WAR.
See Later Advertisements, Bill, Circulars.
The World's Greatest, &c., &c.
Admission \$2 and \$1. Box plan at
ROBINSON PIANO Co.
JAMES MORGAN,
Business Representative.
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INDIAN FAMINE FUND.
ENTERTAINMENTS.
The dates of these Entertainments will be
THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
APRIL 19th, 20th and 21st,
and the
Booking Office will be open on TUESDAY,
17th April, at 10 A.M.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1900. 11164

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.
THE "CHONG PAT" FERRY COM-
PANY, LIMITED.
Incorporated under the Companies Ordin-
ances, Hongkong, whereby the liability of
each Shareholder is limited to the amount
of his shares.
CAPITAL.....\$100,000
In 4,000 fully paid up Shares of \$25 each,
of which 1,600 Shares will be offered
for Subscription.
Terms for Subscription:—\$5 on application,
10 on allotment,
balance at call in instalments, one month's
notice to be given in respect of each instalment
called up.
Applications for Shares, accompanied by a
deposit of \$5 per Share, must be sent in to the
NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, on or
before 18th of April, 1900.
For forms of application, apply to the General
Manager, viz.,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Mr. LOO KOON-ING of Kwong Wing Sang
" CHAN KAI-MING of Opium Farm
" HU SAU-CHUN of Opium Farm
" TAN TAI-KONG of Chai-On Insurance
Co., Ltd.
" CHAN HUI-WAN of Chai-On Insurance
Co., Ltd.
" LAI SHU-TUNG of Tin Shing Shop
" YUNG CHOW FONG of Deutsch Asiatische
Bank
" TO YING-TUNG of Laute, Wegener & Co.
" J. T. LAUTE of Laute, Wegener & Co.
BANKERS:
THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.
SOLICITORS:
Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.
GENERAL MANAGERS:
Messrs. LAUTE, WEGENER & CO.
The Company has been formed for the pur-
pose of carrying passengers between Hongkong
and Yunnan and such other places as may
from time to time appear to be profitable and
results and in meeting the demands of the
growing passenger traffic from and to
Hongkong and on the West and East Rivers of
Canton.
Arrangements have been made to commence
business at once with a Ferry Service between
Yunnan and Hongkong.
Dated the 4th day of April, 1900. 1064

NOTICE OF FIRMS
UNDER the authority of the Court of
Directors I have To-day GIVEN OVER
CHARGE of the Hongkong Branch of the
BAIRN OF INDIA
AUSTRALIA and CHINA to Mr. D. W.
GILMOUR.
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1900. 11166

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For full Particulars, rates, &c., apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents,
Hongkong, 9th November, 1899. 11-1394

PUBLIC COMPANIES
OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES,
LIMITED.
NOTICE.
THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of
the above Company will be held at the
Registered Office of the Company, 38 & 40,
Queen's Road Central, TO-MORROW (WED-
NESDAY), the 18th April, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the General
Managers, together with a Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ending 31st December, 1899.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from To-day, to the 18th
April, both days inclusive.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1900. 11138

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN
COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Company, Limited, will be held
at the Company's Office, No. 2, CONNAUGHT
ROAD, Victoria, HONGKONG, TO-MORROW
(WEDNESDAY), the 18th day of April, 1900,
at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon, when the
subscribed resolutions will be presented.
Should the said resolutions be passed by the
required majority they will be submitted for
confirmation at special resolutions to a second
Extraordinary Meeting, which will be subse-
quently convened.
1. That the Capital of the Company be in-
creased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 by the
creation of 10,000 new shares of \$50
each.
2. That each new share be issued at the
premium of \$35 per share and be allotted
to the Shareholders of the Company in the
proportion of one new share for every
two shares now held by them.
3. That the amount due for the new shares
be called up as follows, viz.:—
\$30 per share on the 1st July, 1900, to
rank for six months' dividend out of the
profits of the year 1900, and the remain-
ing \$5 per share on the 1st October
1900.
Dated the 29th of March, 1900.
By Order of the Board,
D. W. O'SHEA,
Secretary.
THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY
LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited,
will be held at the Company's Hotel on
TUESDAY, the 24th April, 1900, at 12 o'clock
(Noon), when the subjoined resolution which
was passed at the Extraordinary General Meet-
ing of the Company held on the 27th day
of March, 1900, will be submitted for confir-
mation.
"That the New Regulations already ap-
proved by this meeting, and for the
purpose of identifying the shares, and the same
are hereby approved, and the same are hereby
applied to the existing shares of the Company
to the exclusion of all the existing
"Regulations" thereto."
A copy of the proposed New Regulations
may be seen at the Company's Office, and can
be obtained by application to the Undersecretary.
Dated Hongkong, the 18th day of April, 1900.
By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. 11030

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY
LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Office of the Company, No. 2, Praya Central,
on SATURDAY, the 22nd April, 1900, at
Noon, when the subjoined Resolution which
was passed at an Extraordinary General
Meeting held on the 12th April, 1900, will be
submitted for confirmation.
RESOLUTION.
"That the Capital of the Company be in-
creased to \$1,000,000 by the creation and issue of
60,000 New Shares of \$10 each fully paid up."
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th April, 1900. 11154

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND
INSTALLMENT of \$5 per SHARE in
respect of the 60,000 New Shares has been called
up and Holders of such Shares who have not
already paid this instalment are requested to
PAY the amount of such Call to the Under-
secretary of the Office of the Company, No. 9,
Praya Central, on or before the 30th April,
1900.
Dated, 27th March, 1900.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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QUAN WAH & CO.,
DEALERS IN
ITALIAN MARBLE AND GRANITE
MONUMENTS.
DESIGNS & PRICES ON APPLICATION
At No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 17th October, 1899. 11239

WING CHEONG,
JEWELRY, PEARLS, DIAMONDS,
CURIOS, JADESTONE WARE, CARVED
IVORYWARE, SILKS, and GRASS
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We beg to inform the Ladies and Gentlemen
of this Colony that we have commenced business
on the 11th April, 1900, and we solicit their kind
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No. 1 & 2, D'ARQUILL STREET,
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boundary responsibility, to attempt to interfere, unless, of course, there are other reasons which may override the objection. On this we may remark that the boundary argument, may fairly be left out of court; the Eastern Extension Companies have had great experience in the Australian traffic, and can gauge to a nicety the amount of traffic passing between Europe and Australia. Knowing this as they do, they have contracted to lay the line without guaranty; and we are justified in the assumption that the Company would not do this unless it felt that it could do so with perfect regard for the interests of the shareholders; to think otherwise would be to cast discredit on the wisdom, if not on the integrity, of the directors. But if a comparatively barren line, like that which it is proposed to lay across the Indian Ocean, be thus accepted as remunerative, what are we to think of the line with Pacific Cable route must become? Even more—and here comes in the rub—the Pacific line in time to come must gather to itself the enormous coming traffic of all Eastern Asia. How profitable is that traffic we have only to turn to the published reports of the companies, to see.

Engineering gives a summary of the last half-year's working, which is interesting to quote. "The Eastern Telegraph Company," it states, "had an excellent half-year," "business during the six months ending September 30th, 1899. The revenue of the half-year amounted to £474,950; and after deducting working expenses, and the outlay incurred for the repair and renewal of cables, and after providing for depreciation of spare cable, and income tax, £206,890 remained; increased to £310,426 by the balance brought forward from last year." This is good enough, but we learn further that, after paying a dividend at the rate of 20 per cent. per annum, they carried £10,000 to the ship reserve, £5,000 to a removal reserve, £2,000 to an insurance reserve, £100,000 to general reserve, and carried over no less than £33,000 to next year's account. Now we by no means wish to detract in any way from the right of the Company to do what it thinks best with its own, but in these "reserves" there is just a suspicion that the Company wants to throw a little dust in the eyes of the Government, and is doing its best to understate its financial position. One of our greatest and best founded complaints, and in this we are in a like position to Canada, is that owing to the direction in which the lines are laid, we are cut off from any direct communication with America, and that all our messages to the States or Canada had to go first by a circuitous route to Europe, after which they had practically to come back once more the diameter of the globe.

In this respect Canada is even in a worse position than ourselves; especially in regards Australia. Now Canada, recognizing this, had offered to bear a very considerable portion of the cost—about one-third—and the British Government, after being asked the bush, had finally engaged to meet Canada by providing a like amount. The Government likewise bound themselves to reduce the rates from the very oppressive rate at which originally, when as yet the lines were on trial, they were fixed. Up to this the Eastern Extension Companies had looked on, but, taking advantage of a suggestion thrown out on other grounds, they proposed to adopt part of the scheme and lay another cable across the Indian Ocean. Unfortunately the scheme thus proposed left the main part of the project—that of providing another line altogether English to India, on one side. The other great desideratum for which the Pacific Cable had been originally planned, namely, that of avoiding in the intercourses of the northern and southern colonies the necessity of having to traverse three-quarters of the globe, has likewise been dropped in the new scheme, which we learn has met with the approbation of the Home Government. Now Canada naturally complains, and with reason, that the withdrawal of the Government after its promise to Canada is a distinct breach of the faith, and it is difficult, looking at the affair with what knowledge we possess, to come to any other conclusion. Speaking for ourselves, though the pressure is not so direct, we have a clear right to protest against the volte face. Had imperial interests been likely to be in any way advanced, we could have found means to acquiesce in the change, but so far from their being ruthlessly sacrificed to advance those of a private concern; one which, however valuable service it may have done for the State, is yet in such a position financially that it is beyond the need of State aid.

Mr. W. J. Napier succeeds Mr. C. Stringer, who retires on departure to England, as an official Member of the Legislative Council at Singapore.

Manila papers report that the Filipinos are entering with spirit into the excitement of municipal elections. Owing to the turbulence of the voters the authorities seem to have their hands very full.

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The Northward correspondent of *El Echo de Chile* announces that the Liso river was open on the evening of the 23rd inst. and that the first boat, the *Yayo*, was sent to Manzanillo, entered the port about noon, and the names of those who were coming down. The first boat was the *Yayo*, which was sent to Manzanillo, entered the port about noon, and the names of those who were coming down.

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PRIZE SHOOTING AT KOWLOON. The annual prize shooting in connection with the Hongkong Rifle Association was brought to a successful conclusion yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Range. The following are the results:

CHAMPION'S AGGREGATE WINNERS—Prize money awarded by H.B. Major General (Governor) C.M.G., Vice-Admiral, Surgeon, Sir John Carrington, K.C., C.M.G., the Hon. J. J. C. M.P., and the Hon. J. J. C. M.P.

ALL AGGREGATE PRIZES—Prize money awarded by the Hon. C. P. Chubb, C.M.G., the Hon. J. J. C. M.P., and the Hon. J. J. C. M.P.

THE GYMNASIA. The following is the programme of events at the first gymnasium meeting on 23rd April, 1899. The programme was as follows:

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WORK UNDER THE BUILDING ORDINANCE. There has been considerable activity in building operations during the year. The new and extensive premises and workshops of the Green Island Cement Company at Hong Kong were completed, and the new buildings of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at Causeway Bay. The Dock Company's premises at Hong Kong were largely completed, and a large number of large blocks of land were cleared and built upon.

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Mafeking, 1st March.
To-day we are entering upon the sixth month of the siege of Mafeking. Although we hear of the relief of Kimberley and the advance of General Buller on Lady Smith, little hope is held out for us at present. We fear there is a possibility that this wearisome fighting may go on for weeks, and perhaps months, to come. The prospect is not altogether pleasant. It is true that the enemy surrounding us are comparatively few, but their forts are practically impregnable as we have no heavy artillery to break the parapets. So we are kept hemmed in day by day fighting a war of attrition. Our howitzer, an old-fashioned smooth bore, has been tried with some success, and we hope before long to bring it to bear upon the enemy. It fires a queer round shell, suggestive of the days of caliver and matchlocks.

Mafeking, 1st March.
The attack which we had expected in celebration of Majuba Day was not made. Tuesday was exceedingly quiet in the Boer camp. There was no shelling, but much psalm singing. The Mafeking garrison was disappointed, since the failure of our residence was the now locally-made howitzer. The town amused itself by watching the gun's trials.

Activity on both sides is mainly confined to the advanced positions in the breadfields, where sapping and counter-sapping proceed vigorously. The enemy have extended their line of trenches at an angle which would impede and enfilade our advance, during last night we sapped out 100 yards across the direction of this Boer trench, and at daybreak to-day pleasantly turned Maxim and rifle fire along its entire stretch. This disagreeable surprise caused the Boers to make a hurried exodus, and as our new post is already connected and our position there has been strengthened, it is improbable that any fresh activity at this particular point will be shown by the enemy.

The Boer guns continue to shell the town daily. A shell from the big "Centauro" has wrecked for a second time the offices of the local paper, the *Mafeking Mail and Advertiser*. Its editor, Mr. G. N. Whales, had an extraordinary escape. He was hurled by the explosion several feet, but, luckily, was unhurt. The difficulty of coping with the sickness and fever due to the siege and the scarcity of food supplies are of the gravest character. A few casualties occur daily from shell and rifle fire.

Colonel Baden-Powell has warned the Boers that, unless Commandant Smyth desists from arming natives to fight us, and orders them to return to their homes by March 3rd, he will call out the Bechuanas to raid Marico and the border districts.

MAPEKING TO BE RELIEVED IN ANOTHER FOURTEEN DAYS.

London, 27th March.
The military authorities do not expect the relief of Mafeking for another fortnight.

LORD ROBERTS' INTENTIONS.
The Press, according to the delay, recognises Lord Roberts' anxiety in a hostile country to ensure quietness in his rear when he advances to Pretoria.

Commandant Olivier, according to one account, is strongly placed with fifteen guns at Rouxville; according to another account he is fleeing towards Sand River with only 300 troops and 70 wagons. General Gatacre and French are closing in and expect to locate him shortly. The latter hears by telegraph that the fighting in South Bechuanaland is ceasing.

CONDITION OF THE FREE STATE.

Mr. Brand, the son of the former President, continues quite contentedly to act as Landdrost at Bloemfontein. The financial administration, savings, and deposits of the State agricultural loans, etc., appear in perfect order, the system showing a marvellous contrast to the political mismanagement.

LORD ROBERTS AND THE FOREIGN ATTACHES.

Lord Roberts, in entertaining the Foreign Attaches to dinner, welcomed them as comrades, explaining that this was the first opportunity he had had of meeting them. The conditions of their recent march were inevitably hard, but were shared equally by all—nobody complained except those unable to approach the fighting line. He gladly welcomed them, and hoped to give them another dinner in Pretoria. Colonel Stakhovitch, the Russian Attaché, replying on behalf of his colleagues, expressed the pride and privilege they enjoyed in accompanying the great Field Marshal on his extraordinary and unprecedented march.

QUARRELLING BETWEEN THE BOERS AND GERMAN.

Details in letter attribute General Cronje's surrender to reconciliations between the Transvaalers and Free Staters; also to their joint hatred of Germans, especially Albrecht, who openly accused the Boers of incompetence and disloyalty, although they initiated every effective move against Lord Roberts. Heanties General Cronje was silent and unapproachable, and many of the troops in the camp, worn out by hunger and sickness, were driven to disobedience and despair.

THE BOER ARMY—30,000 MEN LEFT.

The *Transvaal* Cape Town correspondent doubts if 30,000 men are left to oppose Lord Roberts and General Buller.

A moderate estimate of the Boer losses since the commencement of hostilities, as drawn from their own admissions and observation on the field of battle, and prisoners taken is 15,000, which includes 2,000 killed and 5,000 prisoners. These figures, as they transpire, are taking the heart out of the Boers, and account for many defections of the Transvaalers.

TRANSVAAL PREPARATIONS TO OPPOSE INVASION.

London, 28th March.
The Transvaalers are making preparations to oppose the invasion of the country, concentrating their forces at the Drakensberg Passes. Here, it is stated, 20,000 Boers have already assembled. The removal of the bulk of big guns from Biggarsburg has been ordered.

SIR GEORGE WHITE AT CAPE TOWN.

Sir George White has arrived at Cape Town, where he met with a most enthusiastic reception. Addressing a vast crowd of people yesterday, he said that he gloried in being a Lieutenant of Lord Roberts, England's greatest soldier. Referring to General Joubert, Sir Geo. White paid the Boer leader a high tribute. Let the rest of the Boers be what they may, General Joubert, he said, was a soldier and a gentleman.

A PROMOTION.

Captain Birdwood, of the Bengal Lancers, has been appointed a local Major in South Africa.

CANADIAN PERSISTENCE AT THE LAAGER.

From detailed accounts of the surrender of General Cronje, which are reaching home, it transpires that Lord Roberts originally demurred to the suggested attack on the laager on the 27th February, deeming the position so strong that success could only be achieved at a heavy cost of life. The Canadians came to the front and begged to be allowed to make the attempt, with such persistence that the Commander's reluctance was broken down, and to them was assigned the first assault. The knowledge of this incident has created boundless enthusiasm in the Dominion.

DAVID AT LORENZO MARQUES.

The arrival of Michael Davitt, the notorious Irish agitator, at Lorenzo Marques, is the subject for some speculation. He states that he is travelling in search of health; but there are others who aver that his ultimate destination is Pretoria, or to join the Irish Brigade under Molyneux.

ESCAPE OF GENERAL OLIVER.

The Boer Generals Olivier and Grobler, with the force which recently occupied Stormberg, have made good their retreat, and are now beyond pursuit. They had been skillfully closed in upon on all sides. Nothing but their surrender seemed possible; but it was found that the horses of General French's Cavalry Brigade were unequal to the task of intercepting their retreat, and the Boers escaped.

JOHANNESBURG MINES THREATENED.

The object of the extensive preparations being made at Johannesburg to destroy the gold mines, Robinson's Bank, and other buildings, is to induce foreign speculators interested in the ownership to bring pressure upon their Governments to intervene to secure favourable terms of peace for the Transvaal.

PRESIDENT KRUGER IN COMMAND OF THE BOERS.

President Kruger has assumed the military direction of affairs since the death of General Joubert, and favours the scheme of falling back on the capital, and concentrating all energies in defending Pretoria. There is great diversion of opinion on the subject. The conflict among the Boer leaders is becoming acute.

BURGERS QUITE OUT OF HAND.

The Boers are wantonly destroying the collieries at Dundee, despite the protests of General Buller. Since the death of General Joubert they appear to have gone out of hand completely.

FREE STATE GENERAL ARRESTED FOR HIGH TREASON.

Disension between the Transvaalers and the Free Staters is becoming more acute every day, and since the British occupation of Bloemfontein, matters have reached a climax by the action of the Transvaal authorities, who have arrested the Free State General Prinsloo on a charge of high treason.

This high-handed proceeding has had a serious effect on the loyalty of the Free State Burghers who are deserting the cause in hundreds. The utmost confusion prevails in the Boer army, whose general dispersion may occur at any moment.

ROBERTS PREPARING ANOTHER SURPRISE FOR THE BOERS.

London, 29th March.

The impression is gaining ground among military experts and others that Lord Roberts is preparing another surprise for the Boers. It is believed that while the attention of the enemy is being engaged by forces approaching Mafeking, north and south, the real relief of Colonel Baden-Powell and the defenders of the town will be effected by another movement of the British troops, making a wide westerly detour, their object being the capture and occupation of Vryburg, where considerable quantities of provisions are stored.

KRUGER FAVOURING CONCENTRATION AT PRETORIA.

President Kruger favours the Boers falling back on Pretoria and concentrating all energies for its defence.

A VIGOROUS ASSAULT ON MAFKING.
It is reported from Pretoria that a very determined effort has just been made to accelerate the fall and capitulation of Mafeking.

On Tuesday last the town was subjected to tremendous bombardment, every available gun being brought to bear on the ramparts.

Col. Baden-Powell made a spirited reply, and, after heavy fighting, the Boers were drawn off, having failed to accomplish their object.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Esang*, from Chinkiang and Wuhu 11th April, and moderate northerly winds and sea from Steep Island to Turnabout; from Chinkiang to port light winds, smooth sea and dull, cloudy weather. April 15th spoke barque *Thistle*, off Breaker Point, from Shanghai for Hongkong.

The British steamer *Catherine Apsar*, from Calcutta 28th March, had fine clear weather. light N.E. wind to lat. 16 N. long. 113 E.; thence to port moderate N.E. wind, clear weather and north-easterly swell. April 12th spoke German F. R. ship *Rickmer Rickmers*, in lat. 730 N. long. 108.5 E., from Cardiff for Hongkong, 111 days out.

The American ship *McLaurin*, from New York 5th Nov., had moderate fine weather the entire passage; wind N.E. through all the eastern passages with a S.W. current. March 3rd spoke British ship *Trocy*, from New York for Shanghai, off Bombay Strait; March 3rd spoke British ship *Vernon*, from Cardiff for Hongkong, off Cape of Good Hope; March 3rd spoke American ship *S. S. Hitch*, from New York for Yokohama off Ombay Strait.

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By Order. C. MOONEY, Secretary.

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NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the Twenty-seventh day of March, 1900, the following Resolutions were passed:—

1. That in pursuance of the provisions of the Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th and confirmed on the 27th March instant, and since duly registered, the sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund and be carried as of the 2nd July next to the Credit of Capital Account, each Share being credited with a sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in addition to the sum of \$50 now standing to the credit of each Share.

2. That the balance of \$25 per Share of the Unpaid Capital of the Company be called up, and that a Call be and is hereby made of \$25 per Share upon all the Shares of the Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay the same to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their premises, Queen's Road Central, on or before the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay accordingly.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the rate of \$12 per centum per annum upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the 9th day of July, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board. A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

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